

Dusty Wright & Coach Farmer

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Dusty was born with cerebral palsy due to a medical accident at birth. His birth father then abandoned him. Schools tried to place Dusty in a contained classroom but his mother fought to have him placed in a regular class. She won and Dusty was placed in a regular classroom with an aid, a man who would become the first of many father figures to him. After two years with the aid, he requested the school allow him to “make it on his own.” They agreed. In middle school, a coach asked him if he wanted to be the statistician for then football team. Dusty grabbed that opportunity and quickly loved being a part of the team. Going into high school, he called the high school coach, Raymond Farmer, and asked if he could be the team manager. Coach Farmer agreed to take him but informed him he would be treated just like anyone else on the team. Dusty appreciated being treated like the kids who had no disability and he became a very important part of a team that had an undefeated season and won a state championship. After graduation, Coach Farmer continued to be a father figure to Dusty. The two have gone to lunch together almost every Friday for the past 20 years. Dusty has never let his disability stop him from success. He has worked for the parks and recreation department for over twenty years and, on the side, he has become a real estate investor. Scott says that Dusty’s “no-excuses” attitude is an inspiration and his sense of humor is refreshing. Scott truly believes Dusty’s story would make a great movie and he feels this episode is one of the most inspiring and entertaining he’s ever done.

Cerebral Palsy Won’t Hold Him Back

the story of a football coach and manager